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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Li Et al.
PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): Pooi See Lee
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SC/Serial No.: 09/726,903

Filed: November 29, 2000

Title: Method and Apparatus for Performing
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Examiner: Garcia, Joannie A

Group Art Unit: 2823

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

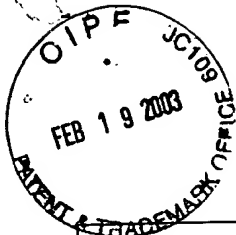
In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2002, applicants respectfully request that the above identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the written specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 20 to page 4, line 7 in the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

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In the application of:

Pooi See Lee, Et al.

Serial No.: 09/726,903

Filing Date: 11/29/2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PERFORMING NICKEL SALICIDATION

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2002, attached please find:

1. This Amendment Transmittal Letter;
2. An Amendment and Response to the Office Action;
3. A Petition for Extension of Time;
4. A Return Receipt Post Card.
5. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached.

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If this amendment is deemed late, applicant hereby petitions for any needed extension of time needed. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 06-1325.**

The fee has been calculated as follows:

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS	* - 20 =	*	x \$18.00	\$*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	* - 3 =	*	x \$84.00	\$*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$270.00	\$*
<u>1</u> MONTHS PETITION FOR EXTENSION FOR REPLY :				\$110.00
Total from Above				\$110
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). The Applicant hereby states that it qualifies as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27				\$0.00
				TOTAL =110

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 7, 2003

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Atty Docket: CHAR.P0003

Applicant(s): Pooi See Lee, Et al.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING NICKEL SALICIDATION

The following has been received by the U.S. PTO on the date stamped hereon:

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